

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claim 1, 6, 7, 8 and 9 have been amended as shown on pages 3-4 of the Reply. Claim 5 stands cancelled herein. New claims 10-17 have been added. Support for these claims can be found in the specification as filed at paragraph [0065], [0066], and [0067]. In addition, the specification has been amended as indicated on page 2.

The below comments present in greater detail distinctive features of applicants' claimed invention over the cited art that were conveyed to Examiner Pesin over the telephone on August 24, 2007.

Applicants' representative notes with appreciation the indication that claims 4-9 would be allowable if recast in independent form to include all limitations of respective base claims and any intervening claims.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-3 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Hurley, *et al.* (US 5,933,637). Withdrawal of this rejection is requested for the following reasons. The cited reference fails to disclose or suggest all aspects set forth in the subject claims.

A single prior art reference anticipates a patent claim only if it *expressly or inherently describes each and every limitation set forth in the patent claim*. *Trintec Industries, Inc. v. Top-U.S.A. Corp.*, 295 F.3d 1292, 63 USPQ2d 1597 (Fed. Cir. 2002); *See Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). The *identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim*. *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989) (emphasis added).

The claimed invention relates to methods and systems for installing application program suites, the number and type of install actions and their availability, selection and display. To this end, amended independent claim 1 recites *a computer-readable medium having a suite of computer-executable components comprising at least one component*

implementing a component setup interface, said component setup interface exposing a first method to allow another component to query for a specific setup install action interface for each install action available for the component, wherein said setup install action interface comprises a GetResult method that returns a resultant state of the component after performance of the install action. New independent claim 10 recites similar features. Hurley *et al.* is silent regarding such novel features.

Hurley *et al.* relates to developing object oriented programs by connection and configuring available subprograms. A subprogram can have an arbitrary number of outlets that are defined at program configuration time and facilitate connecting the subprogram to other subprograms. The system allows a user to connect programs via a visual display that represents subprograms as graphical images. At the cited portions, Hurley *et al.* discloses 'objects' in a subprogram, the objects comprise a collection of data structures and their related operations defined in the subprogram. Subprograms further have 'outlets' that provide information needed to create connections from objects in that subprogram to objects in another subprogram. The outlets provide functionality such that the two subprograms can be connected and the objects of the two programs can interact with each other. Thus, Hurley *et al.* provides for a user to create complete computer programs by allowing the user to configure a collection of one or more subprograms by connecting them. The outlets configured in the subprograms facilitate in inter-object interaction when the subprograms are connected. In contrast, the claimed invention allows a user to customize the installation and set up of applications. A set up install interface allows another component or manager to query the installation component about specific information regarding the state of action performed. Thus, Hurley *et al.* is silent regarding *wherein said setup install action interface comprises a GetResult method that returns a resultant state of the component after performance of the install action* as recited by the subject claims. Accordingly, it is requested that this rejection with respect to independent claims 1 and 10 (and the claims that depend from) be withdrawn.

II. New Claims 11-17

Newly added dependent claims 11-17 emphasize novel aspects of the invention discussed *supra* in connection with claims 1-10. Accordingly, these claims are patentably distinct over the art of record for at least the same reasons as are claims 1-10.

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [MSFTP1152USB].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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